

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bobby Joe Pitts of
Adamsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bobby Joe Pitts; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Pitts was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on August 14, 1936, Mr. Pitts was the son of Herschel H. and Roxie Ellis Pitts. He graduated from Adamsville High School in the Class of 1955, and he served in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Air Force, Mr. Pitts worked as a plant manager in the garment and aftermarket automotive supply industries. He later retired from that position to pursue his lifelong passion for automobiles by opening a small, independent car dealership in Adamsville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts's interest in automobiles was more than a business venture, as he was a knowledgeable and avid collector of automobile memorabilia, license plates, and petroliana. He enjoyed traveling, reading history, and spending time with his granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of Adamsville Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Pitts enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-five years, Anna Lou Pitts, and was the proud parent of Barry C. Pitts and Shawn Pitts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts is survived by his wife, his son, Shawn, and his daughter-in-law, Joanna. He is also survived by his three granddaughters, Emily Pitts Donahoe, Allie Pitts, and Mollie Pitts Lacey; brother, Steve Pitts and wife, Barbara; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bobby Joe Pitts, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Pitts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.